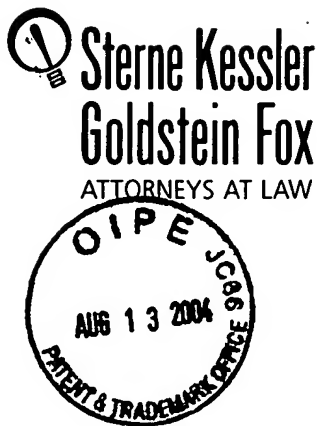


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Re: U.S. Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/623,813; Filed: July 22, 2003
For: **De novo DNA Cytosine Methyltransferase
Genes, Polypeptides and Uses Thereof**
Inventors: LI *et al.*
Our Ref: 0609.4560003/KRM/DJN

Sir:

In a supplemental reply to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted," dated February 13, 2004, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Request for Reconsideration, in part, of Notice to File Missing Parts;
2. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
3. A copy of the date-stamped postcards, as filed on July 22, 2003;
4. A copy of the SKGF cover letter, as filed on July 22, 2003, with the relevant statement highlighted in yellow; and
5. Return postcard

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent

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abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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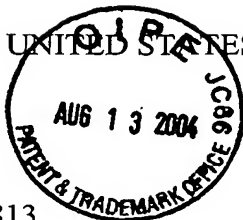
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Polypeptides and Uses Thereof**



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Sir:

Applicants filed a Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts ("Notice") and formal documents on July 13, 2004. The Notice had also stated that the application does not contain a statement that the sequence listing on the computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing and includes no new matter (as required by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d)). Applicants respectfully submit that this is in error and request reconsideration of this aspect of the Notice.

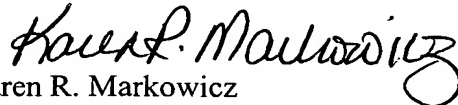
Applicants filed such a statement on July 22, 2003 within the body of the cover letter accompanying the original application filing. The date-stamped postcards indicate that the Office has acknowledged receipt of these items. In support thereof, Applicants enclose the following:

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Thus, Applicants have previously complied with this aspect of the Notice and request that the Office acknowledge the same.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

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When receipt stamp is placed hereon, the USPTO acknowledges receipt of the following documents:

1. SKGF Cover Letter;
2. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
3. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
4. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled: *De novo* DNA Cytosine Methyltransferase Genes, Polypeptides and Uses Thereof; and naming as inventors: En LI, Masaki OKANO, Shaoping XIE and Taiping CHEN; the application consisting of: a. An Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76); b. A specification containing: i. 118 pages of description prior to the claims; ii. 12 pages of claims (55 claims); iii. a one (1) page abstract; c. 65 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1A-1, 1A-2, 1A-3, 1A-4, 1B-1, 1B-2, 1B-3, 1B-4, 1C-1, 1C-2, 1C-3, 1C-4, 1D-1, 1D-2, 1D-3, 1D-4, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3A-1, 3A-2, 3B-1, 3B-2, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 5A, 5B, 5C, 6A-6C, 7A-7C, 7D, 8A-8C, 8D-8E, 9, 10, 11A-11F, 12A-12C, 13A, 13B, 13C, 13D, 13E-1, 13E-2, 13E-3, 13E-4, 13F, 14A-14B, 15A-15D, 16A-16D, 17A-17D, 18A-18D, 19A-19C, 20A-20B, 21A-21I, 22A-22E, 23A-23E, 24A-24B, 25A-25B, 26A-26C, 27, 28 and 29); d. 92 pages of a paper copy of the sequence listing; e. A computer readable disk copy of the sequence listing; and
5. Two (2) return postcards.

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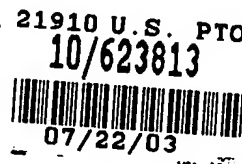
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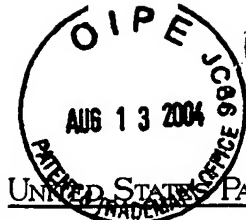
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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- This application does not contain a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). Applicant must provide such statement. If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000).

For questions regarding compliance to these requirements, please contact:

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The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of **\$2006** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

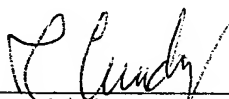
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Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$2906** for a Large Entity

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